REMARKS

Applicants respond hereby to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121), dated December 12, 2007, in this application. Independent claims 13 and 20 were amended in the Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.111, dated September 25, 2007, but did not show deleted matter by strikethrough. The corrected version of the claims in the Listing of Claims now shows the amendments to claims 13 and 20 in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(2).

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is asked to telephone the undersigned.

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